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...ina ia manino le folauga.

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Pictured with Governor Togiola are Mr. Bill Cooney (far right), members of the Safelite Autoglass delegation, partners of Information Technology American Samoa and Taupou Manaia dance troupe. (photo:asgpix)

Governor Togiola Tulafono hosts reception dinner for Safelite Autoglass

Governor Togiola Tulafono hosted a reception and dinner at Hong Kong House in Nu'uuli on Tuesday night for the visiting business group Safelite Autoglass and Erie Management Group that was attended by over 100 guests made up of government officials and the business community.

Governor Togiola expressed his gratitude to Mr. Bill Cooney and Mr. Stan Shumway and their delegation on behalf of the people and Government of American Samoa.

Governor Togiola in his speech said: American Samoa has been well-known for producing good football players and sometimes being the home of the largest producing tuna factory in the world. He said he was very proud of both exports and American Samoa is not afraid to welcome new visions and technology.

"...the thing we take the most pride in is our friendly people, and most of all, our wonderful young adults who are graduating with world-class skills."

The Governor said American Samoa has been lagging behind the times, and we're not sure if we can ever catch up with the speed of globalization. Interestingly enough, technology has changed us quicker, and in estimation, for the better. Governor Togiola said before high technology and the information technology revolution, it was very uncertain if we could ever develop a viable economy without the tuna factories.

The Governor said technology has offered American Samoa the opportunity, and he believes, it is the only thing that is viable to replace a tuna manufacturing economy.

Governor Togiola said "We have tried some things and they have failed. The failure was not that the business was not good. The failure was because they were not the right businesses for American Samoa.

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90 ASCC Students Make the Fall 2005 Dean's List

By James Kneubuhl, ASCC Press Officer

The Admissions & Records Office at the American Samoa Community College has released the list of outstanding students who have made the Dean's List based on their academic performance during the Fall 2005 semester.

The Dean's List consists of full-time students who attain a Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.5 in courses numbered 100 or above in any given semester, with no failing (F), withdrawal (W), withdrawal fail (WF), incomplete (I), and repeated (R) grades during that semester. Each student on the list receives a letter of recognition from the Office of the Dean of Academic Affairs, which he/she may pick up during the semester. The student's inclusion on the Dean's List appears on his/her transcript under the appropriate semester, and a copy of the letter of recognition goes into the student's academic file with the Office of the Registrar.

Totaling 90, the Fall 2005 list sees a jump in numbers from the previous two semesters. 74 students made the list in Fall 2004, while 78 did so in Spring 2005, according to Sifagatogo Tuitasi of the ASCC Admission and Records Office. "The high total this time around indicates not only a strong desire of students to do the best they can, but also the effectiveness of our faculty when it comes to helping students succeed," added Dr. Irene Helsham, the College's Dean of Student Services. "Both the students and the faculty deserve credit for a job well done."

Dr. Helsham pointed out that students who maintain a high grade point average increase their chances of qualifying for loans and scholarships from both on- and off-island sources. Indeed, several of the students on the list who also graduated in the Fall have already received scholarships from ASG and other agencies to continue their studies in Hawaii or on the mainland. "We also hope that students on the list still with us this semester will take advantage of the opportunities offered by membership in our Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) honor society," said Dr. Helsham. The ASCC PTK will hold its induction ceremony later this semester. (See complete Dean's List on page 2)

ASG RADIO PROGRAM

with: Governor Togiola Tulafono

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Governor Togiola told the visitors that technology-based business is the right kind of business for American Samoa. From that vision, we started to build an infrastructure with high hopes, great expectations and lots of prayers.

The Governor said he believed the Territory's prayers are being answered, and he was confident that our hopes and great expectations will soon materialize.

He said "American Samoa welcomes you with open hands and the one thing about us that you must believe in - - what you see, is what you get. The government is happy to partner with private enterprise to develop business opportunities for American Samoa. We want you to be a profitable business, and we will support your venture to assure that you will have an excellent return on your investment."

Governor Togiola said "We have been working very hard to prepare ourselves to accept the new responsibilities we will face as more and more companies look at our islands as a venue for increasing world wide competition."

He touched on the Territory having some excellent advantages to locating operations here. He said "Our unique status as a territory of the United States means we offer banking, legal systems, postal services, telephone dialing systems and the English language much the same as found in the U.S." But, the thing we take the most pride in is our friendly people, and most of all, our wonderful young adults who are graduating with world-class skills."

In closing, Governor Togiola said "It is our prayer that you will become a part of our business landscape here for a long time to come."

Mr. Bill Cooney, in his remarks said part of their trip was not just to see American Samoa to determine if the Territory meets their requirements for a proposed call center, but said in hearing the great and astounding news in the States that American Samoa, per capita had the highest participation in the U.S. Armed Forces. Mr. Cooney called it a great feat and spirit of dedication and commitment to serving one's own country, and he wanted to see this place where that many soldiers came from. Mr. Cooney touched on Governor Togiola's comment of American Samoa's prayer and hopes of Safelite Autoglass doing business in American Samoa by saying: "We are praying the same prayer. That is also our prayer."

Guests at the event included representatives of three branches of the government and members of the business community. The evening consisted of a buffet dinner and entertainment was provided by island dance troupe --Taupou Manaia.

On Wednesday, the delegation took part in many presentations by government departments and agen also from the business community, that included ASTCA and Bluesky at Tradewinds Hotel.

A cocktail reception Wednesday evening was hosted by Information Technology American Samoa at the Tradewinds Hotel. The business group will depart the Territory Thursday.

HISTORICAL NOTES

By: Stan Sorenson, Historian

On February 16, 1900, the Berlin Agreement was ratified by the United States Senate. Under the terms of the treaty, the eastern Samoan islands (Tutuila, Aunu'u and Manu'a) became a U.S. Territory. Germany gained control of 'Upolu, Savai'i and the other western isles, and in return gave up her interests in Tonga and the Solomon Islands. Britain relinquished her claims in Samoa, colonized the Solomon Islands and retained a sphere of influence in Tonga.

On February 17, 1887, the Honorable John E. Bush (Hawaiian King Kalakaua's Minister Plenipotentiary to the Kings of Samoa and Tonga) and Samoa's King Malietoa Laupepa signed a Treaty of Confederation between Hawaii and Samoa. Bush became Hawaii's Ambassador to Samoa. "The signature was celebrated by a drunken orgy, from which Malietoa, always decent, retired early. He said to one of the legation: 'If you have come here to teach my people to drink, I wish you had stayed away.'"

On February 17, 1900, Commander Benjamin Franklin Tilley, United States Navy, became American Samoa's first naval governor (until November 27, 1901), although his official designation was "Commandant, U.S. Naval station Tutuila." Commander Charles Brainard Taylor Moore was the first governor to be so designated (as "Governor of Tutuila," on January 30, 1905). The first person designated as "Governor of American Samoa" was Commander William Michael Crose, on July 17, 1911.

On February 17, 1944, the U.S. Naval Station Tutuila's destroyer repair base (located in Pago Pago Harbor) was completed, and designated as "U.S. Naval Ship Repair Unit, Navy 129".

ASCC Fall 2005 Dean's List:

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| 1. Shondelle J. Ah Kouii | 2. Annette F. Ah Young | 3. Gregory V. Allen |
| 4. Edney G. Apulu | 5. Vavega V. Asi | 6. Noelani Asiata |
| 7. Chuck M. Atoa | 8. Jonathan J. Chrichton | 9. Lance E. Eka |
| 10. Fialoa L. Elisara | 11. Grace M. Fa'ata'ita'I | 12. Leaniva Fanene |
| 13. Maletino Faupusa | 14. Mark Feagiai | 15. Sabrina N. Felise |
| 16. Ross M. Filiva'a | 17. Toso F. Fo'ifua | 18. Lemauseafa S. Fola |
| 19. Esekiele Foleni | 20. Radiant Fuimaono | 21. Natasha Gaoa |
| 22. Imelda E. Gebauer | 23. Charity F. Gregory | 24. Melleyln Hall |
| 25. Hope V. Heig | 26. Eleanor R. Hisatake | 27. Faith C. Hisatake |
| 28. Cayla L. Ho Ching | 29. Crystal L. Ho Ching | 30. Shinar A. Ieti |
| 31. Pepe A. Ilmaleota | 32. Rachel A. Jennings | 33. Leilani L. Laban |
| 34. Selaima E. Larkin | 35. Christopher A. Lauilefue | 36. Fuatino S. Leaupepe |
| 37. Josephine Lees | 38. Dominique J. Letuli | 39. Alex A. Lin |
| 40. Christina S. Mafo'e | 41. Nathan L. Magalei | 42. Tiresa Maiava |
| 43. Silimusa T. Masui | 44. Eliepa Mataafa | 45. Fa'aliliu Mataafa |
| 46. Ruth-Ann Matagi | 47. Rayo A. McPhee | 48. Shane P. Merz-Siavi'i |
| 49. Silafisi'ilila M. Moala | 50. Herrieta U. Moslesi | 51. Sebastian Moring |
| 52. Bob L. Mose | 53. Talei L. Nu'usa | 54. Tangitinga Paama |
| 55. Tapalega Papali'I | 56. Jinhee Park | 57. Nehemiah T. Peau |
| 58. Afeleti F. Pedro | 59. Chris P. Peko | 60. Teri A. Peters |
| 61. Fiatagata F. Pulou | 62. M.E. Liki Reed | 63. Fa'amoana G. Roe |
| 64. Emerald L. Salanoa | 65. Tess F. Sale | 66. Leonetta M. Samuelu |
| 67. Mary C. Satele | 68. David Siatunu'u | 69. Alex Skelton |
| 70. Tavita N. Suani | 71. Fa'afetai E. Sunia | 72. Sepora E. Tagalao |
| 73. Jade C. Taotua | 74. Lawrence L. Tasi | 75. Tanya M. Taumua |
| 76. Delores T. Tautolo | 77. Stella R. Thompson | 78. Etere'i To'ilolo |
| 79. Marilyn P. Tuiasosopo | 80. Victor E. Tuiasosopo | 81. Lagisolia Tupolo-Moe |
| 82. Elalauamate a. Ueli | 83. Nathan R. Umaga | 84. Zerlina J. Uta'i |
| 85. Salevalasi Uti | 86. Henry Utoaluga | 87. Eti J. Veale |
| 88. Mark Anthony D. Villajuan | 89. Jessica Wanamaker | 90. Ching Maou Wei |



Rear Admiral Wurster (middle), Commander of the Fourteenth Coast Guard District in Honolulu, his wife, George-Ann, along with Lt. Jacob Cass (right) and Lt. James Dupureur, stopped in briefly, Wednesday, on a courtesy visit with Governor Togiola.

(photo: asgpix)



Governor Togiola Tulafono received a courtesy visit by Special Agent in Charge of the Honolulu Office - Mr. Charles Goodwin (left), Supervisory Special Agent for White Collar Crime - Mr. Grey Gilmartin (third from left) and head of local office - Special Agent Tom Glorioso on Wednesday at the Office of the Governor. Special Agents Goodwin and Gilmartin are in the Territory to visit the recently opened FBI Office at Pago Plaza. (photo: asgpix)

"Exceptional Customer Service" for All Staff of Department of Human and Social Services "Matagaluega mo alaga manuia Lautele"

The Department of Human and Social Services is in the process of completing a comprehensive Customer Service Training regime that begun on January 23 through to February 4, 2006. By the end of this initial 2 week period the majority of DHSS line staff completed the one day customer service training by the Department's Professional Development and Training Unit. According to Program Manager, Julia Fo'ifua, the task has been a challenge in coordinating staff to be available without compromising service delivery. The training team of the Department will travel to complete the Man'ua Office Staff training on 21 February to 24 February 2006.

Director I'aulualo Faafetai Talia since taking over this Department has been vigilant in implementing a more decentralized approach to management of all 6 Divisions of the Department demanding the highest quality of customer service from staff interfacing with the public. The Department of Human and Social Services is the second largest department of the American Samoa Government next to The Department of Education.

The 6 Divisions of the Department of Human and Social Services are; Administrative Services Division, Social Services Division, Vocational Rehabilitation Division, WIC Division, ASnap (Food Stamp) Division and the Developmental Disabilities Planning Council, an independent council headed by Henry Sesepasara.

Director Talia confirmed the need for all staff to complete the training. The final phase of the Customer Service Training involves a higher level of effective leadership and customer service training that he will attend personally along with his senior management team. "It is essential that any changes and positive shifts in any organization needs to occur from the top down in order for effective and long term outcomes." This senior management leadership training is slated for March 2006.

In addition to the training, the Department has conducted staff surveys to establish baseline data to develop a comprehensive training and certification process to further support department staff. Partnerships with ASCC, the University of Hawaii and local organizations have been engaged in the planning and development of an educational and professional infrastructure to enable staff to reach their personal and professional goals. These efforts, according to Talia will directly impact the Department's capacity to provide the quality services our community so rightly deserves.

Tafuna High School Cafeteria Dedicated

By Rev. Sualauvi Tuimaleali'ifano

After almost a month of continuous heavy rain in the Territory, the long awaited dedication of the new Tafuna High School Cafeteria finally took place under clear and bright sunny skies this past Thursday. The ceremony was well attended by the teaching staff, students, administration, PTA, Director of Education, Malaetele Dr. Lui Tuitele and Honorable Governor Togiola Tulafono. Reverend Eleasaro Fa'ata'a of the Petesa Tai Congregational Christian Church offered the prayer of thanksgiving to bless the newly constructed building. Deputy Director of Education, Dr. Claire Poumele, was given the honor of cutting the ribbon to officially open the new and magnificent cafeteria.

Governor Togiola, during his remarks, said Tafuna High School (THS) should be used as the model for high schools in American Samoa because it is the most "progressive and productive". He continued by stating that he hoped that the increased enrollment is not because of the new and beautiful facilities, but because of the quality of the teachers. The Governor concluded by asking the principal, teachers and students of THS to keep the school buildings clean and use them diligently for their future.

"This building is the best ever of its kind to be built by the American Samoa Government for DOE to accommodate the ever increasing student enrollment at Tafuna High School," Dr. Tuitele excitedly proclaimed. The Director expressed his appreciation to the USDOE and the Federal Government for funding the project, and Governor Togiola for his continued support of all DOE projects.

The total cost of the project is \$1,276,675. The new building is designed to accommodate 250 students per sitting. The cafeteria's open design and vaulted ceiling is to ensure continuous airflow so the dining area will remain cool and comfortable. It is also strategically situated so that it is convenient and easily accessible from the other surrounding buildings.

Traditional gifts for the Honorable Governor and other dignitaries were prepared by PTA President Taeaoafua Meki Solomona and the PTA membership. HTC Galoia Pulusila served as Master of Ceremony for the dedication.

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

The Commissioner, Paramount Chief Sotoa M. S. Savali, for the Department of Public Safety, American Samoa Government, do hereby gives notice, pursuant to the American Samoa Code Annotated Title 46, chapter 25, and the American Samoa Administrative Code, section 4.1005, of his intent to adopt an ***Inmate Handbook and Drug Free Work Place Policy***. All interested persons may examine these documents and present their view of the proposed Inmate Handbook and Drug Free Work Place Policy at the Office of the Commissioner in Fagatogo between 0800 and 1600 hours, Monday to Friday. You have twenty calendar days from the date of this intended notice to file any amendments or objections with the Office of the Commissioner.

BOIL YOUR WATER BEFORE USING

Date: **February - 2006**

The American Samoa Environmental Protection Agency routinely monitors public water systems for the protection of public health. On the 2nd & 9th of February 2006, Total coliform and Fecal coliform (*E-coli*) bacteria were found in the village waters in Fagamalo, Fagalii, Vatia, Afono, and Onenoa. These bacteria could make you sick, and are particular concern for people with weakened immune systems.

DO NOT DRINK THE WATER WITHOUT BOILING IT FIRST:

The American Samoa Environmental Protection Agency (ASEPA) advises these villages to bring all water to a boil. Boiled or bottled water should be used for drinking, baby formula, making ice, brushing teeth, washing dishes, and food preparation until the villages are connected to the ASPA or ASG water system. Boiling kills bacteria and other organisms in water.

Bacteria in the water can cause diarrhea, cramps, nausea, headaches, or other symptoms. They may pose a special health risk for infants, young children and people with severely compromised immune systems.

Please be advised that it is illegal and dangerous to public health to cross connect village water systems to the ASPA water system. The mayors are advised to initiate cleaning activities in watershed and water catchments to minimize the contamination.

IA FAAPUNA LELEI VAI ONA FA'AAOGA LEA:

Mo alalafaga o Fagamalo, Fagalii, Vatia, Afono, ma Onenoa. E tusa ai ma le suesuega a le Ofisa o le Si'osi'omaga (ASEPA) i le aso 02 & 09 o le masina o Fepuari 2006, ua mautinoa ai le afaina o le suavai taumafa o loo outou fa'aogaina, ini siama e ono a'afia ai lo outou soifua maloloina e pei o le manava tatā, manava tigā, fa'afaufau, ulu tigā, atoa ma nisi fa'ama'i. Ua fautuaina ai le mamalu o ia alalafaga ina ia vaimamā lelei le vai, ma ia tunu fa'apuna mo le fa'aogaina ma le gaosiga o mea taumafa. Fa'aaoga vai tunu pe faatau mai vai tu'u fagu i faleoloa mo mea'ai a fanau iti, aisa, fufuluina o nifo, ma le fa'amamāina o ipu se'i vagana ua soso'o atu i vai a le ASPA poo le malo. Ua fautuaina ai foi le mamalu o alii pulenuu o ia alalafaga ina ia galueaina fa'atanoa vai mo le fa'aitiitia o ia fa'afitauli.

Fa'amolemole, ina ia aua lava ne'i feso'ota'i fa'atasi le suavai taumafa a le malo, ma le suavai taumafa o lou alalafaga, o se tulaga le talafeagai lea mo le soifua maloloina.

More Historical Notes:

On February 19, 1872, American buccaneer and blackbirder Bully Hayes was arrested "when two boat's crews from the U.S.S. *Narragansett* boarded the *Leonora*, took possession of her, and escorted her master to the warship to answer charges of oppression of the Caroline Islanders and of carrying too large a crew and armament for a peaceful merchant craft." Despite a thorough search of the *Leonora's* cargo, crew and papers, USS *Narragansett's* captain, Commander Richard Meade (who signed the first American-Samoan treaty with Mauga Manuma on March 2, 1872), could not find sufficient evidence to bring charges against Bully, and he was released. His undoubted threats of reprisals against the crew, along with the alleged connivance of United States Consul John Williams, Jr., aided in his release.

On February 19, 1900, President William McKinley put Tutuila and all the Samoan islands east of 171 degrees west longitude under the authority of the U.S. Navy. On the same day, Secretary of the Navy John D. Long named these islands "U.S. Naval Station Tutuila."

On February 19, 1910, American Samoa's Governor, Captain John F. Parker (USN, Ret.) enacted his "Regulation No. 1-1910: Preservation of Public Health." This regulation was amended many times, and by 1931 included the following subsections: "1. Disposal of Human Excreta; 2. Breadfruit; 3. Quarantine; 4. Importation and Sale of Medicines and Drugs; 5. Importation and Sale of Opium; 6. Compulsory Vaccination Against Smallpox; 7. Yaws (Tonas); 8. Drinking and Bathing Places; 9. Conjunctivitis; 10. Trained Samoan Nurses; 11. Medical Practitioners, and 12. Public Health Orders."

On February 20, 1929, the U.S. Congress approved the cession of Tutuila (which occurred on April 17, 1900) and Manu'a (which was signed by Tui Manu'a Elisara on July 14, 1904 and was recorded at the Courthouse on July 16, 1904).

On February 20, 1929, the U.S. Congress created a Commission (the "American Samoan Commission") to recommend an organic act for the Government of American Samoa. The members were: Senator Hiram Bingham, Republican of Connecticut, Chairman; Senator Joseph T. Robinson, Democrat, Arkansas; Representative Carroll L. Beedy, Republican from Maine, and Representative Guinn Williams, Democrat of Texas. President Calvin Coolidge had appointed Chiefs Mauga Palepoi (Eastern District Governor) Tufele Fa'ato'ia (Manu'a District Governor) and Magalei Siasulu ("a representative of the *Mau*") as the Commission's Samoan members. Captain William Rea Furlong, Chief of the Navy Department's Office of Island Governments, was designated to accompany the Commission to American Samoa as an advisor and paymaster.

On February 20, 1977, Captain Ralph Waldo Hungerford, American Samoa's 31st naval governor (January 27-September 3, 1945), died in Abingdon, Pennsylvania.

ASEPA BEACH ADVISORY

The American Samoa Environmental Protection Agency (ASEPA) wishes to inform the public that on 02/14/06 the following recreational beaches were found to be contaminated with enterococci bacteria levels that exceed ASEPA Water Quality Standards:

Malota- Stream Mouth, Malota
Leone Pala (near bridge), Leone
Fagasa-Fagale'a Beach (near stream), Fagasa
Aua-Stream Mouth (near bridge), Aua
Alega-Stream Mouth, Alega
Alofau-Stream Mouth (near 1st bridge, Asasama)

Asili Beach (across LMS Church, Asili)
Pala Lagoon (adjacent playground) Nu'uuli
Vatia-Stream Mouth (2nd bridge) Vatia
Laulii Tuai – Stream Mouth, Laulii
Fagaitua-Stream Mouth (Across Ploice Station)

The public should not swim, wade, or fish within 400 feet of these polluted beaches. This advisory is in effect until further sampling and laboratory analyses indicate that enterococci concentrations are within water quality standards.

Water that contains excessive concentrations of enterococci bacteria is correlated with swimming-associated gastrointestinal diseases. Enterococci bacteria reside in the intestines of warm-blooded animals. Their presence in water indicates contamination by human and/or animal wastes. Swimmers in polluted water are at risk for many waterborne diseases, some of which may cause serious illness.

Note: ASEPA laboratory monitors the water quality of 42 recreational beaches on Tutuila, the wharf in Aunu'u, and five beaches on Manu'a. Tutuila advisories are issued weekly. Aunu'u and Manu'a advisories are issued monthly. Advisories are issued when bacteria concentrations exceed levels determined safe for human exposure. Questions should be directed to the ASEPA Water Program at 633-2304.